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Dear Sir:

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This response is to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2002.

Claims 1- 16 and 19 - 43 have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

- Claims 1-6, 20-23, 26-35 and 40-43 are said to be drawn to RFID device and method, comprising interrogation of information from RFID element and locating the RFID element, classified in Class 235, subclass 492;
- Claims 7-12 are said to be drawn to a method of using RFID device, comprising П. interrogating a barcode associated with an item and storing that information on an RFID element, classified in Class 235, subclass 462.01;
- Claims 13-16, 19, 24, 25 and 36-39 are said to be drawn to a method of obtaining Ш. information of a group of items having RFID element associated therewith, comprising sorting the group of items, classified in Class 235, subclass 375.

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Applicant hereby elects Group I (i.e., claims 1-6, 20-23, 26-35 and 40-43), without

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